



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Arcella *et al.*

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the official action dated August 6, 2004, wherein the pending claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112. The applicants respectfully traverse in view of the following amendments and remarks.

- I. Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this response;
- II. Remarks begin on page 7 of this response; and
- III. Conclusion begins on page 9 of this response.

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Transmitted herewith is a response in the above-identified patent application.

The claim fee is calculated as shown below:

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	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADD'L FEE	OR	RATE	ADD'L FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	27	26	1	x 9	\$		x 18	\$18
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	1	3	0	x 43	\$		x 86	\$
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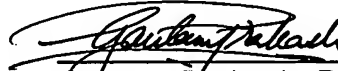
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Respectfully submitted,

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